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Situation Report

Hurricane Katrina Support

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The State of Missouri continues coordination with federal, state, local and non-profit agencies to provide support to relief efforts for people in areas adversely impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

The following actions have been taken by state agencies on behalf of Hurricane Katrina victims over the last 12 hours:

- Governor Blunt also has requested the President of the United States to declare an emergency for the State of Missouri as a result of the FEMA request to assist in the relocation of disaster victims from those states impacted by Hurricane Katrina to Missouri. 44 CFR 206.35.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) directed a hold on all plans to transfer evacuees from Texas to other states, though additional transfers from New Orleans continues. FEMA advises states that do not currently host evacuees to implement a standby position for all mass care preparations, unless they have been notified directly by FEMA to prepare for arrivals. SEMA has been notified by FEMA not to expect any evacuees today (9/7). FEMA expects to update the forecast late today or early tomorrow morning.
- St. Louis County is establishing a Regional Assistance Center. Various county offices are involved in the establishment of the center as well as the American Red Cross and Salvation Army. Volunteer management also advises that they are receiving approximately 760 calls per hour. There are currently 1150 volunteers registered.
- SEMA is participating in daily conference calls with other state emergency management agencies within Region VII and a daily conference call with the Kansas City Urban Area Working Group.
- SEMA is continuing Level 1 activation with additional staffing in the Control Room. However, operational hours have been reduced from 24/7 operations to 7:00 A.M. to midnight.

Donations management

The EOC has been receiving and recording calls (approximately 600) offering donation of goods and services since Tuesday Sept. 2nd. Those calls that could be diverted to specific registration lines, such as medical personnel, were referred. In all other cases the individuals were told that they would receive a call back regarding the disposition of their offer.

Sheltering Activities

SEMA is working diligently to identify the number of "self evacuees," however the system with the local Red Cross Chapters is not automated nor are the numbers tracked by the Faith Based Ministries. Additionally most of our contacts are not at their desk, but in the field working the sheltering activities. 3109 "self evacuees," have been identified at the following locations:

St. Louis	969
Springfield	710
Kansas City	1000
Cape Girardeau	361
Boone County	56
<u>Callaway County</u>	<u>13</u>
Total	3109

St Louis Reception & Care Facility

A staff meeting was held today for the City of St. Louis, to discuss final coordinating issues to be resolved in receiving evacuees in this reception & care center. Mr. Christmann, Emergency Management Director for the City of St. Louis, announced that the reception facility is operational as of 8:00 this morning.

Planning Unit: The Incident Command draft is being finalized and will be put in a binder along with other information and distributed to each agency/organization.

The medical unit is ready to receive patients.

Social Services will not be staffing their unit 24/7, but will conclude their shift at around 9:00 p.m. There was some discussion on having someone here through the night if needed.

Logistics: The badging area is fully operational and anyone without a badge will not be admitted to the facility. Security will be enforcing the designated access given to each person. They have a person from Southwest Bell stationed at this facility to make any telephone changes needed. It was suggested that a Finance Officer be appointed to

handle contracting projects for cleaning and construction projects. A cleaning company is coming this morning to bid on cleaning the bathroom facilities here a minimum of every hour. The logistics desk will fill all requests for any kind of supplies or equipment the participating organizations may need.

There was much discussion about infectious diseases that are being reported in the shelter at Houston, such as tuberculosis, and the evacuees experiencing problems with diarrhea and vomiting. The need for, and what kind of sanitary measures to be employed at the shelter was discussed, such as distributing alcohol foam bottles throughout the facility since there are no easily accessible hand-washing areas for emergency workers in the work areas.

Staff was reminded again that Missouri has not received a federal disaster declaration and therefore there is no federal or state reimbursement process. All sections were reminded to continue to document all expenses in case federal reimbursement becomes available.

Department of Health and Senior Services Operation Show-Me Care Update

DHSS Situation Room; DSR activated

- Nancy Bush is Commander
- Dr. Howard Pue is Co-Commander

SEMA EOC

- Michelle Zeilman located at SEMA EOC.

Boeing Site prepared for reception of displaced persons

- DHSS staff in St Louis (onsite)
 - Bruce Clements (CERT Director), Mark Buxton, Martha Shea, Brian Quinn (PIO), and Angela Ford
 - Julie Eckstein (Director) is in Jefferson City.
- Medical Supplies
 - Cribs will be delivered this a.m. to the St. Louis site.
 - DHSS is working with Cardinal Health and BJC for medical supplies including gloves, tempa dots, pillows, Pedialyte, etc. Supplies to be delivered 9/6/05 evening.
 - DHSS have identified vendors for additional Pedialyte and will be making arrangements to have it delivered to the St. Louis site.
- Immunizations
 - CDC has published updated immunization recommendations for hurricane displaced persons. Local public health officials who have questions regarding these recommendations should contact DHSS' immunization program.

Volunteer Medical Personnel

- Information from MARC in Kansas City indicates Governor of Louisiana has announced that they will not be transporting hospital patients out of state. We anticipate request for licensed health care professionals and have numerous names of physicians and doctors who have called offering to go to the hurricane area. We also have access to the Board of Nursing's database and can call up additional nurses who have registered as volunteers.

EMSystem Report

- HHS has requested the EMSystem to implement a nationwide communication system with hospitals to obtain bed capacity, surveillance, etc.
- Collaborating with MHA, MARC and MedComm to post a census report on the EMSystem.

Other Shelters/Reception Centers

- Springfield is opening a service center; hundreds have already arrived and more to come.
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- Another health advisory was issued 9/6/05, HAd Hurricane Katrina-Prevention of Infectious Disease in Community Shelters.

Mental Health

- DHSS continues to work with Jenny Wiley and Lynn Carter at Department of Mental Health to ensure mental health professionals and paraprofessionals will be onsite in St. Louis. DMH is concerned about shelter sites and the availability of mental health professionals and paraprofessionals at the shelter sites. DHSS will let them know as soon as possible shelter sites as information is received.

Long-term Care

- DHSS continues to get offers for beds and licensed facilities for residential care and skilled beds. Community services employees are assisting in evaluating the displaced person to identify if they need skilled care or residential care as they come into St. Louis

Legislative Update

- DHSS will be providing a written update to the Missouri General Assembly on the department's activities regarding Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Assessment of the Total Petroleum HydroCarbons (TPH) contamination in the soil around the St. Louis Shelter:

DHSS has reviewed the sampling data available for groundwater near building #1 (the building where evacuees will be housed temporarily) and has determined that risk from this contamination source will be insignificant. The reasons are as follows:

1. The possibility that contamination in the groundwater could be impacting the indoor air quality of building #1 is very remote because the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems for the building are on the roof.
2. The possibility that groundwater could be impacting the air quality inside the building has only been suggested by computer modeling equations and these models only predicted a low risk to workers who would have to be exposed for 25 years.
3. DHSS risk assessors have run these models based on a 24 hour, 30 day exposure for persons using the building as temporary housing, and that risk has been estimated to be insignificantly low. The actual numbers suggest that there would be no excess cancer risk and that there would be only a 0.336 Hazard Index for non-cancer health effects. Any Hazard Index number below 1.0 is considered insignificant.